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SUBJECT: CYPRUS

1. AT 9:35 A.M. AMB. BENNETT TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR PANAYOTACOS OF GREECE TO TELL HIM WE WERE OPPOSED TO HAVING A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING THIS MORNING, AS HE HAD REQUESTED. BENNETT ARGUED THAT WITH HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAVING AGREED TO ACCEPT A CEASE FIRE AT 10 A.M., WE COULD SEE NOTHING PRODUCTIVE IN A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AT THE SAME HOUR WHICH WOULD BE SURE TO DEGENERATE INTO AN EXCHANGE OF CHARGES AND ALLEGATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. THEREFORE, WE HAD SUGGESTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT THE MEETING BE PUT OFF.

2. PANAYOTACOS FLEW INTO A VIOLENT EXCITEMENT, CHARGING THAT WE WERE WHITEWASHING THE TURKS AND WE WERE ABANDONING THE GREEKS. THE WHOLE THING WAS GROSSLY UNFAIR TO GREECE, ETC., ETC. AT ONE POINT, WHEN HIS CHARGES AGAINST THE US WERE PARTICULARLY STRONG, BENNETT REMINDED HIM THAT HE KNEW AS WELL AS WE THAT THE US WAS THE ONLY FRIEND GREECE HAD

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HAD IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE PRESENT CYPRUS SITUATION.

3. BENNETT TOLD HIM THAT VIOLENT CHARGES WERE BEING MADE ON BOTH SIDES IN CYPRUS -- FOR INSTANCE HE HAD JUST FIVE MINUTES EARLIER HAD A CALL FROM THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR, CALLING OUR ATTENTION TO REPORTS THAT THE TURKISH CIVILIAN POPULATION IN FAMAGUSTA WAS BEING MASSACRED AT THIS VERY HOUR. BENNETT SUGGESTED THAT IT SHOULD BE OBJECTIVE OF ALL OF US TO GET THE KILLING STOPPED SINCE BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAD AGREED TO A CEASE FIRE AT 10 A.M., LET US HOPE AND PRAY THAT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AT THE SAME HOUR FOR AN AIRING OF VIOLENT CHARGES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY WOULD BE DECIDEDLY OUT OF PLACE.

4. PANAYOTACOS FINALLY CALMED DOWN SOMEWHAT AND SAID HE COULD ONLY PROMISE TO REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. BENNETT TOLD HIM THIS WOULD BE WISE THING TO DO.
BENNETT

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